

IN THE CLAIMS:

All claim amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition consisting of a peptide consisting of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claims 2-9 (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition for treating a disease state in a subject, said disease state characterized by exhibiting:

- i) a serum concentration of free light chain of immunoglobulin in serum of at least 8 milligrams per liter;
- ii) a spinal fluid concentration of free light kappa-chain of immunoglobulin of at least 70 micrograms per liter; or
- iii) a spinal fluid concentration of free lambda-chain of immunoglobulin of at least 300 micrograms per liter;

said pharmaceutical composition consisting of a peptide consisting of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claims 11-32 (Canceled)

33. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the peptide is present in an amount sufficient to treat a bronchial constriction.

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34. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 33, wherein the peptide comprises 200 micrograms.